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Letter dated 26 December 1991 from the Acting Chargé d'affaires of the Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, on the instructions of the Government of Costa Rica, a communiqué issued on 24 December 1991 concerning the initiatives to eliminate nuclear weapons in the Korean peninsula.

I request you to have this note and the attached communiqué circulated as a document of the General Assembly under the items entitled "Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament agreements" and "Cessation of all nuclear-test explosions."

(Signed) José María BORBON
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.

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Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship

Communiqué issued on 24 December 1991

The Government of the Republic of Costa Rica expresses its support for the special declaration made by His Excellency Mr. Roh Tae Woo, President of the Republic of Korea, concerning the non-deployment of nuclear weapons in the Republic of Korea, issued at Seoul on 18 December 1991.

The Government of Costa Rica expresses its satisfaction at the appeal made by the President of the Republic of Korea for North Korea to halt the possession, proliferation and development of nuclear weapons and unconditionally submit all its materials and facilities for inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency, thereby contributing to the efforts for peace and reconciliation of the two Koreas.

In accordance with our foreign policy, the Government of Costa Rica reiterates its deep concern that it has not yet been possible to bring about the elimination of all types of nuclear weapons on the part of North Korea.

Lastly, the Government of Costa Rica wishes to stress the invaluable initiative of His Excellency President Roh Tae Woo, and expresses the hope that significant progress will be achieved leading to an agreement guaranteeing the non-deployment of nuclear weapons in the Korean peninsula and contributing to the achievement by the two Koreas, in the new year that is beginning, of a new era of reconciliation, peace, security, cooperation and prosperity.